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Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery in New York City.

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CHARLES MITCHELL

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Mr. Mitchell was born June 26, 1874 at South Otisfield, the son of Otis and Aurora Edwards Mitchell. He married Helen Flanders of Rockland, who survives him.

Funeral services were held Friday from the Congregational Church at 1.30 p.m. Rev. Millard Gile will be the officiating clergyman.

Interment will be at the South Otisfield Cemetery.

The town has lost some fine citizens. Mrs. Elliot, with her generous support of library, church and other organizations. Charles Mitchell who, with his every day homespun integrity set us all a fine example.

OXFORD

Miss Beverly May Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Pike, became the bride of Hugh Warren Berry of Gray Saturday evening at the Congregational parsonage. Rev. William A. Dunstan performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Oxford.

Mr. Forest A. Stanton, age 63, died suddenly at his home on High Street. For ten years he was caretaker of the High School Building. His health has been failing in recent years and at Thanksgiving he took a six months leave of absence.

Survivors are his wife, Vera P. Stanton, a sister Mrs. James Fernald of West Poland and two brothers Clyde D. of Worcester, Mass. and Lewis G. of Cumberland Mills.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Congregational Church. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Verne Smith of Greenville, N.H. assisted by Rev. William A. Dunstan. A duet, "Beyond the Sunset" was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Vivian Townsend.

The High School was closed and the students and teachers attended in a body.

Entombment was at Poland. Interment will be in the Maguire Hill Cemetery in the spring.

The bearers were Frank Teague, Stanley Foster, Albert Robinson and Arthur Hayes.

The Congregational Ladies Guild met with Mrs. Alice Naimy Tuesday evening. Icy traveling and weather prevented a Monday gathering.

The Congregational Ladies Circle met with Mrs. Agnes Culbert at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon a group met in the Congregational Chapel and formed a Farm Bureau organization.

Rev. and Mrs. William Dunstan called on Rev. and Mrs. Rensel Colby in South Paris Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ida Teague is much improved and is back on duty in the post office.

To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,

To throw perfume on the violet;
To smooth the ice or add another hue

Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light

To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish,

Is wasteful and ridiculous excess.

-Shakespeare.

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make,
Ere life is flown,
A stumbling-block
Or a stepping-stone.

-R.L. Sharpe.

No trait of character is rarer, none more admirable, than a thoughtful independence of the opinions of others combined with a sensitive regard for the feelings of others.

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The twin cats "Nip" and "Tuck" are rushing around over the house. I suppose that means more wind. After last night I would not think that there would be any left to blow.

In the winter when you are located between the Oxford hills and the White Mountains there is plenty of it going by.

Lena Dyer received word Thursday of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Mary B. Kemp. She was the widow of the late Dr. Z. Willis Kemp of Kingston New Hampshire.

An Oxford news item we did not get in last week :- At the annual meeting of the Ladies Circle of the Congregational Church the following officers were elected:

Pres. Mrs. George Stoehr

V. Pres. Mrs. William Dunstan

Sec. Mrs. Joseph Robinson

Treas. Mrs. Sadie Jillson

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nels and Mrs. William McAllister

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CONTEST

How many words can you find in the word printed below? Send your list to The Otisfield News R.#2, Oxford, Me. and the one having the longest and most correct list will receive a small prize.

Rule 1: All words must be in the dictionary.

2: Definition of "mother" word must head list

3: Name and address must accompany list.

4: No letter may be used more than appears in the word.

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CHARLES MITCHELL

Charles Mitchell, age 73, passed away suddenly at his home Tuesday morning January 21.

Mr. Mitchell was born June 26, 1874 at South Otisfield, the son of Otis and Aurora Edwards Mitchell. He married Helen Flanders of Rockland, who survives him.

Funeral services were held Friday from the Congregational Church at 1.30 p.m. Rev. Millard Gile will be the officiating clergyman.

Interment will be at the South Otisfield Cemetery.

The town has lost some fine citizens. Mrs. Elliot, with her generous support of library, church and other organizations. Charles Mitchell who, with his every day homespun integrity set us all a fine example.

OXFORD

Miss Beverly May Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Pike, became the bride of Hugh Warren Berry of Gray Saturday evening at the Congregational parsonage. Rev. William A. Dunstan performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Oxford.

Mr. Forest A. Stanton, age 63, died suddenly at his home on High Street. For ten years he was caretaker of the High School Building. His health has been failing in recent years and at Thanksgiving he took a six months leave of absence.

Survivors are his wife, Vera P. Stanton, a sister Mrs. James Fernald of West Poland and two brothers Clyde D. of Worcester, Mass. and Lewis G. of Cumberland Mills.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Congregational Church. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Verne Smith of Greenville, N.H. assisted by Rev. William A. Dunstan. A duet, "Beyond the Sunset" was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Vivian Townsend.

The High School was closed and the students and teachers attended in a body.

Entombment was at Poland. Interment will be in the Maguire Hill Cemetery in the spring.

The bearers were Frank Teague, Stanley Foster, Albert Robinson and Arthur Hayes.

The Congregational Ladies Guild met with Mrs. Alice Naimy Tuesday evening. Icy traveling and weather prevented a Monday gathering.

The Congregational Ladies Circle met with Mrs. Agnes Culbert at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon a group met in the Congregational Chapel and formed a Farm Bureau organization.

Rev. and Mrs. William Dunstan called on Rev. and Mrs. Rensel Colby in South Paris Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ida Teague is much improved and is back on duty in the post-office.

To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,

To throw perfume on the violet;
To smooth the ice or add another hue

Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light

To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish,

Is wasteful and ridiculous excess.

-Shakespeare.

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make,
Ere life is flown,
A stumbling-block
Or a stepping-stone.

-R.L. Sharpe.

No trait of character is rarer, none more admirable, than a thoughtful independence of the opinions of others combined with a sensitive regard for the feelings of others.

-Anon.

SCRIBNER HILL

The lady where Marian had a room at Norway was ill, so Sunday she had to hunt up a new place to live. She is now located at 122 Main St. at the home of Mrs. James N. Tubbs.

No school Tuesday on account of the ice. The road on the Hill would make a good skating rink. I saw an automobile go in the ditch twice between our house and the turn.

Edwin Jillson has been butchering for Fred Culbert and Forrest Edwards. Mr. Jillson also wants the public informed that he did not sell the heifers that he bought from Charles Reed. Correspondent was mis-informed.

Christine Peaco spent the week end with Anita Jakola.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Horton went fishing with the Woodmans at Norway. They had the same luck that some of the other fishermen do on the Hill. Not even a shiner!

Dean and Helen Peaco attended Grange at Bolsters Mills Saturday night.

The twin cats "Nip" and "Tuck" are rushing around over the house. I suppose that means more wind. After last night I would not think that there would be any left to blow.

In the winter when you are located between the Oxford hills and the White Mountains there is plenty of it going by.

Lena Dyer received word Thursday of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Mary B. Kemp. She was the widow of the late Dr. Z. Willis Kemp of Kingston New Hampshire.

An Oxford news item we did not get in last week :- At the annual meeting of the Ladies Circle of the Congregational Church the following officers were elected:

Pres. Mrs. George Stoehr
V. Pres. Mrs. William Dunstan
Sec. Mrs. Joseph Robinson
Treas. Mrs. Sadie Jillson

Mrs. Woodrow Grover, Mrs. Henry Gunnels and Mrs. William McAllister were appointed on the sewing Com. and Mrs. Kate Starbird was appointed on the sick committee. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ring. Miss Christine Marsh was hostess.

CONTEST

How many words can you find in the word printed below? Send your list to The Otisfield News R.#2, Oxford, Me. and the one having the longest and most correct list will receive a small prize.

Rule 1: All words must be in the dictionary.

2: Definition of "mother" word must head list

3: Name and address must accompany list.

4: No letter may be used more than appears in the word.

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